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- DE-OS 37 05 847 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.
- DE 103 00 678 A1 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- U.S. Patent 6,357,956.
- Patent Abstracts of Japan Bd. 1999, Nr. 08, June 30, 1999 discloses a dust cover.

The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1, 2,

5-9 and 11.

- DE 103 00 678 discloses a ball joint. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1, 6-9 and 11. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract. Further, this reference has been previously cited above.

- DE 102 50 147 A1 discloses a ball joint used in e.g. suspension system or steering system of automobile, has bearing which deforms to enter into recess of housing such that air space is formed between bearing and spherical ball part of ball stud. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1, 7 and 11. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

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